Oil and gas project proposals from Kerala

2202. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of project proposals received by his Ministry from Kerala during the last five years and what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of project proposals cleared and the present stage of their construction/completion and production output as against their capacities; and

(c) what is the number of projects rejected and what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

2203. [*Transferred to 31st August, 1990*]

Pollution caused by the Thermal Power Unit in Chandrapura

2204. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that pollution caused by the Thermal Power Unit in Chandrapura under Damodar Valley Corporation is on the rise; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to control the pollution?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) To maintain the pollution levels within the limits stipulated for old thermal power stations, the Damodar Valley Corporation has already undertaken installation of new electrostatic precipitators for all the six units of Chandrapura thermal power station, which are expected to be commissioned progressively between February, 1981 and March, 1992.

Upgrading of Ahmedabad airport to international standard

2205. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a study for the construction of a new international airport in Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have decided to start international flights from Ahmedabad airport, if so, by when it is likely to commence;

(c) what is the position regarding extension of runway and creating the required facilities for customs clearance, etc.; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal from Gujarat Government for renaming the Ahmedabad airport after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) While Government have not conducted any study as such, International Airports Authority of India have conducted some studies to assess international traffic of Ahmedabad airport, as a result of these studies it appears that Ahmedabad has international traffic potential.

(b) No decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(c) The work relating to extension of runway at Ahmedabad is likely to commence shortly. The construction of a new international terminal complex has already commenced.

(d) Yes, Sir.